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MERCHANTS' STRESS OF CONVENTION

Cotton States Association Will Begin Sixth Annual Convention Tuesday—Record Attendance Expected.

The sixth annual convention of the Cotton States Merchants' association will begin a three days' session at the Hotel Chickasaw Tuesday morning.

Last year's convention, held during the war, was devoted largely to a discussion of war activities and their effect on the cotton industry.

The attendance promises to be larger than at any similar gathering in the past four years.

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Asserts American Experts Fear War From Jap Claims

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—It was the unanimous opinion of American experts on Far Eastern affairs at Versailles that war would result from the peace treaty provision giving Japan control in the Chinese province of Shantung.

Mr. Millard testified. He said he got his information on the subject from the Chinese delegation, whom he advised "officially." He did not go into details about the questions China might have raised. He said, however, that some Chinese officials wanted to employ two American international lawyers to advise them.

While his expenses were paid by the Chinese, Mr. Millard said he had no salary but simply gave unofficial advice because of his familiarity with Far Eastern affairs.

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MRS. S. J. ELLIS IS PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S CITIZENS' LEAGUE

Suffrage Leader and Club Woman Will Be Head of Women's Organization for Coming Municipal Election.

Mrs. Samuel J. Ellis has been appointed vice-chairman of the Citizens' League campaign committee and will assume her duties at once.

She will be in charge of the women's campaign committee and in general charge of the organizations of women in every election precinct in the league's campaign for the election next November.

The appointment was made by L. M. Stratton, chairman of the campaign committee, with the approval of members of the executive committee of the league.

Mrs. Ellis has been a leader in women's club work and the work of the parent-teacher associations for a number of years.

She has also taken an active interest in the suffrage movement in Tennessee and is president of one of the local suffrage organizations, the Memphis Equal Suffrage League.

She is also chairman of the women's Liberty loan committees in several of the local campaigns last year.

She is an organizer and a fine public speaker, and is particularly interested in the success of the candidates for the coming election.

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MEXICAN BANDITS' ALLEGEDLY IS GRAVE AFFAIR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The American embassy at Mexico City was instructed today by the state department to immediately call upon the Mexican government for quick action to effect the release of Lieuts. Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson, American army aviators, who were captured by Mexican bandits near Candelaria, Texas, while patrolling the border, and who are threatened with death unless \$15,000 ransom is paid today.

The capture and detention of the army flyers is considered by officials here to be essentially different from other cases of American citizens held for ransom. Members of the military forces of a country, especially when in uniform, are direct representatives of their government, it was said, and any injury or affront to them is regarded as a breach of international law.

The state department's announcement said the instructions pointed out the seriousness with which the United States government views this situation and called for immediate adequate action.

The American consul at Juarez also was instructed to take all possible steps to secure the release of the flyers, and to secure release and protection of the flyers.

The state department officials said the ransom demanded would be paid as soon as information could be had as to where and to whom the money was to be delivered.

It was also stated that the state department was not sure whether the United States would furnish the sum and pay it against the Mexican government or call upon the Mexican government to pay it.

It was learned today that the first ransom payment was made to the bandits in the middle of last week in Juarez.

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Palmer Indorses Move For States' Aid In Cost Fight

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Attorney General J. E. A. Palmer, in a suggestion by Gov. Gardner, of Missouri, that the conference of governors appoint a committee to confer with him and help coordinate federal and state efforts to reduce the cost of living. In a telegram to Gov. Gardner at St. Louis, Mr. Palmer said the heavy cooperation and assistance of state agencies would be greatly helpful in the government's campaign.

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Detected Twice Trying To Loot Stores They Fleed In Big Auto Firing at Everyone in Sight

Bullets punctured homes in the vicinity of the Puryear drug store, College street and Main street, before dawn Sunday, and while the store was being looted, a big auto firing at everyone in sight.

There were four men in the band and they first attacked the rear door of the store. The band then moved to the front door and fired at everyone in sight.

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Joe Williams Probably Will Back Ben Mathes for Tax Assessor

For Mayor—J. J. Williams. For Commissioner—O. K. Rogers. For Tax Assessor—Ben Mathes.

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